

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2135**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takanori MASUI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2135

Application No.: 10/660,560

Examiner: J. PAN

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Docket No.: 117046

For: INFORMATION PROCESSOR AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD FOR
COOPERATIVE OPERATION OF JOB PROCESSOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 24, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0184518 to Foster et al. (hereinafter "Foster") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,237,243 to Sutton. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

This Office Action substantially maintains the previous interpretation of the primary reference, Foster set forth in the January 29, 2007 Office Action. As will be discussed in greater detail below, Applicants previously argued, in Applicants' April 27, 2007 Amendment, and in a May 3, 2007 personal interview with the Examiner, that Applicants believe that the Office Action unreasonably interprets Foster for what it can be considered to teach, or to have suggested, with respect to the subject matter of the pending claims. These